

Threats to Our Community That Can Cause a Public Health Emergency

 **Biological Event-** The intentional use of biological agents, viruses, or parasites to make people in the community sick.

 **Extreme Heat-** During times of extreme heat, dehydration, heat stroke and other heat-related illnesses are possible.

 **Flooding-** Flooding can cause power outages and car accidents, which can lead to an increase of injuries.

 **Pandemic Flu-** The flu can be spread by failing to wash hands and cover our coughs.

 **Thunderstorms and Lightning-** Storms during the monsoon season can wipe out electricity.

 **Wildfires-** Fires can lead to heat related illness and can pose life-threatening danger to community.



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*Public Health
Volunteer Information*

**Make a difference by
volunteering in your
community!**

What is a Public Health Emergency?

Who?

A public health emergency affects everyone in the community one way or another. You may personally be affected, or you may know someone who is.

What?

A public health emergency ranges from a wildfire to an outbreak to a biological terrorism event.

When?

Events can happen anytime, whether we are expecting them or not. That is why volunteers are instrumental in assisting during an emergency.

Where?

Emergencies do not discriminate. They can occur anywhere in our community at any time.

Why?

There are over 4.5 million residents Maricopa County. Volunteers aid in making the response and recovery process faster and more efficient.

What Can You Do?

What is the time commitment?

To be a volunteer, you must attend New Volunteer Orientation. This is a one time training to introduce you to the world of public health and how you can be of assistance.

After orientation, your commitment can be as big or small as you want it to be. We offer regular training and volunteer opportunities. In the event of an emergency, you will be called upon to assist in a variety of ways!

What will I be doing?

In the event of a public health emergency, you may be asked to assist in the following:

- Staff a POD (Point of Dispensing)
 - * Volunteers get medication for their families prior to the public!
- Assist in multiple ways with activated shelters
- Work at a phone bank providing information to the public
- Other tasks that will improve the health and safety of your community!

What's Next?

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, here are your next steps:

1. Contact **Jessica Baggett**, Volunteer Coordinator with the Maricopa County Department of Public Health Office of Preparedness and Response.
2. Attend New Volunteer Orientation with Maricopa County Department of Public Health and other volunteers from around the County.
3. Train and actively volunteer to be ready to assist your community.

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